

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings.

1. (Currently amended) A coupling for a pipe, the coupling comprising: a housing of a relatively rigid plastics material, said housing having a bore therein; a retainer retaining said pipe within said housing when the pipe is pushed into the housing; and a layer of a relatively deformable material distinct from the retainer on at least a part of both an inner surface and an outer surface of said housing, wherein said layer ~~on said inner surface~~ deforms on said inner surface against an outside of said pipe to form a sealing engagement, wherein said layer provides a tapering surface on said inner surface, wherein said layer includes a part formed on said outer surface on an external ledge of said housing to provide a seal with a cooperating member, and wherein said layer is continuous between said inner and outer surfaces.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously presented) A coupling according to Claim 1, wherein said layer on said inner surface provides a tapering surface.

4. (Previously presented) A coupling according to Claim 1, wherein said retainer is formed integrally with said housing.

5. (Previously presented) A coupling according to claim 1, wherein said retainer includes at least one resilient catch member adapted to engage a projection on said pipe.

6. (Previously presented) A coupling according to Claim 5, wherein said pipe has a corrugated external surface, and wherein said catch member is adapted to engage between said corrugations.

7. (Previously presented) A coupling according to Claim 1, wherein said layer on said outer surface includes a part formed on external ledge of said housing to provide a seal with a cooperating member.

8. (Currently amended) A coupling according to Claim 1, wherein said ~~layer on said outer surface~~ includes a part that provides a manual gripping region on said outer surface.

9. (Previously presented) A coupling according to Claim 1, wherein said layer on said inner and outer surfaces is continuous with one another.

10. (Previously presented) A coupling according to Claim 1, wherein said deformable material is an elastomeric material.

11. (Currently amended) A coupling for connecting one end of a corrugated pipe to a cooperating member, said coupling comprising: a rigid housing of tubular shape having two spring catches on opposite sides for engaging between corrugations on an outside of said pipe when the pipe is pushed within the coupling; and a continuous layer of a deformable material, distinct from said spring catches and bonded with both an inside and outside of said housing to form an internal, tapering sealing surface which deforms against and forms a seal with the cooperating member, wherein the deformable material also forms an external gripping region, and wherein said layer includes a part formed on said outside of said housing on an external ledge of said housing to provide a seal with a cooperating member.

12. (Currently amended) An assembly comprising a corrugated pipe and a coupling, the coupling comprising: a housing of a relatively rigid plastics material, said housing having a bore therein; retaining means retaining said pipe within said housing when the pipe is pushed within the coupling; and a layer of a relatively deformable material distinct from the retaining means and molded onto at least a part of both an inner surface and an outer surface of said housing, wherein said layer provides a tapering surface on said inner surface which deforms against an outside surface of said pipe in said bore, and thereby forms a seal with the outside surface of said pipe, wherein said layer includes a part formed on said outer surface on an external ledge of said housing to provide a seal with a cooperating member, and wherein said layer is continuous between said inner and outer surfaces.

13. (Currently amended) A method of forming a coupling comprising the steps of: injecting a first material of a relatively hard plastics material to form a housing of said coupling

with an integral retainer; and subsequently injecting a second, softer, deformable material to form a layer on said harder material both on an inside and outside of said housing, wherein said deformable material is distinct from said integral retainer, and wherein said layer forms a tapering surface on said inside of said housing and surrounds said integral retainer and deforms into sealing engagement with an outside of a pipe when the pipe is pushed into the housing, wherein said layer includes a part formed on said outside of said housing on an external ledge of said housing to provide a seal with a cooperating member, and wherein said layer is continuous between said inside and said outside of said housing.

14. (Previously presented) A coupling according to claim 1, wherein said retainer includes at least one resilient catch member to engage a projection on said pipe.

15. (Previously presented) A coupling according to claim 3, wherein said retainer includes at least one resilient catch member adapted to engage a projection on said pipe.

16. (Previously presented) A coupling according to claim 4, wherein said retainer includes at least one resilient catch member adapted to engage a projection on said pipe.